



Deacon Ministry

Feeling a possible call to the service of Deacon?

As the Church of Monterey continues to grow, our needs for the ministry of service continue to grow by leaps and bounds. The Deacon's ministry is threefold: to the service of **Charity/Justice**; service of the **Word**; and service of the **Liturgy**.

The Deacon is called to be a symbol of that service to which all God's People are called and indeed is to be an animator of lay ministry. Deacons serve **the poor** in many locations (Food Banks, Homeless Shelters, advocacy work), they provide services to the incarcerated, the sick and dying, migrants, those struggling with addictions, victims of violence, etc. They bring those experiences to their **ministries of Word** (preaching, teaching) and **Liturgical service**: presiding at Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral Vigils, and Committals, and assisting and preaching at Sunday Eucharist.

The Diocese is hosting two **Information Sessions**:

- Sunday, March 17th at Noon in the St. Joseph Pastoral Center across the street from the Cathedral (485 Church Street).
- Sunday, April 21st at Noon in the Holy Cross Parish Hall in Santa Cruz (210 High Street)

This will be your chance to learn more about the formation, life, and ministry of a Deacon in the Church. Please bring your wife and all your questions to one of these information sessions. Materials will be handed out.